

American Energy Initiative.” The hearing continued to focus on legislation regarding the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 2583, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012. This markup is scheduled to run late. The results of the markup will be reported in the July 22, 2011 Congressional Record.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation regarding the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2012. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, an open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in Section 2 of the resolution, striking section 427 of the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provision in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. Under the Rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph and that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Simpson, Rep. Moran, and Rep. Bishop of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 2096, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup of H.R. 2274, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2301, the “Streamlining Education Claims Processing Act of 2011”; H.R. 1911, the “Protecting Veterans' Homes Act”; H.R. 2329, the “Ensuring a Response for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Re-

lief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; H.R. 2302 to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2345, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2274, and H.R. 2301. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 1263, H.R. 1911, H.R. 2302, H.R. 2329, and H.R. 2345.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of the following: H.R. 923, the “Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 1826, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees; H.R. 1898, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; and H.R. 2349, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes. 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine minority at risk, focusing on Coptic Christian in Egypt and renewed concerns over reports of disappearance, forced conversions and forced marriages of Coptic Christian women and girls, 9:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.